

The Shiner Gazette

J. C. HARRIMAN, Publisher.

SHINER, - - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

An effort to ascend Pike's peak with an automobile proved a failure.

A few days ago the streets of Wichita, Kan., were full of grasshoppers.

While bathing in a mill pond near Hickory, N. C., John Garrison and his nephew were drowned.

It is now stated that the total output of Kentucky whisky this year will not go beyond 25,000,000 gallons.

George Burnett, a hatrack vender, was arrested at Vincennes, Ind., on the charge of passing a \$10 Confederate bill.

A portion of a bridge at Atlanta, Ga., fell, burying several negro workmen under it. Ten were killed and others injured.

Lieut. Berthoff of the United States navy has begun shipping 12,000 reindeer from Okhotsk ports to Alaska by steamers.

Four delegates, representing 100,000 union workmen, are coming from Great Britain to study the economic condition of labor in this country.

Jacob Gerhardt, a contractor of Shamokin, Pa., shot his wife through the heart and then made an unsuccessful effort to end his own existence.

Baron Nordenskjold, the Swedish explorer and naturalist who was to have headed an Antarctic exploring expedition, starting this month, is dead.

Near Griffin, Mo., Miss Lizzie Scales was married to J. D. Wells. The couple stood on one bank of James river and the officiating minister on the other.

In a pistol duel at Pressburg, Hungary, Volunteer Corporal Hastinger was mortally wounded by his officer, Col. Dillmann. The latter had boxed Hastinger's ears for impertinence.

United States Judge Hawley at Reno, Nev., rendered his decision in the railroad tax case, granting the injunction prayed for by the Southern Pacific company.

As Mr. Poole, his wife and four children were returning from a drive near Lexington, Va., the carriage was overturned by the raging current of a creek and Mrs. Poole and three of the daughters drowned.

William B. Fossett, aged 77 years, colored, a veteran caterer, died at Cincinnati. Fossett was the last of four brothers, slaves of Thomas Jefferson, freed by Virginia legislature in 1822 at Jefferson's request.

Gov. Guadalupe Maynero of the state of Tamaulipas, Mex., died at his home in Victoria, capital of the state. Judge Matias Guerrero, formerly district judge in Nueva Laredo, is acting governor of the state.

A boy and an eagle had a terrible fight near Waverly, N. Y. The boy, who is 11 years old, yelled for help, and a farmer responded. The eagle was shot and killed. It measured seven feet from tip to tip.

William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation extended to him by the Industrial council of Kansas City to speak at Electric park on Labor day. William J. Stone and Webster Davis have accepted like invitations.

Frank Purcell of Washington, Ind., is under arrest, charged with the murder of his wife. Jesse Purcell, 14 years old, filed the affidavit, asserting it is alleged, that he saw his father do the deed by beating her to death.

The examination of the books of the Akron (O.) Varnish company shows that the defalcation of former Treasurer Homer J. McCrum amounts to \$29,000. McCrum disappeared some weeks ago, and is now supposed to be in South America.

By a sudden rise of water in the province of Kwang Si, China, many drowning occurred. The city of Fuh Shan, where large ironworks are located, was completely inundated and a great number drowned.

Noah H. Sutherland and Miss Nettie Purcell were married at Washington, Ind. Upon returning to the home of the bride's parents to partake of the wedding feast the mother of Mrs. Sutherland dropped to the floor and died in a few minutes.

P. W. James rowed his wife, helpless with paralysis, in a shift from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cape Girardeau, a distance of 1000 miles. His object was to take Mrs. James to her relatives, where she could be better cared for than his home permitted.

PEOPLE STARVING.

POORER CLASSES IN NORTHERN COUNTY IN BAD CONDITION.

The Cattle Are Now Dying Rapidly—Cactus Plants Are the Only Thing Green to Be Seen—Relief Movement Started by Sympathetic People.

San Antonio, Texas, August 26.—Reports from Zapata county are harrowing and confirm former news that the poorer classes there are facing starvation. They must have immediate help in the day of food or the results will be terrible. Range water has failed, and cattle, too weak to travel, are dying rapidly. The country is literally burned up by drought. There is not a green thing to be seen except cactus plants. Zapata county is fifty miles from the nearest railroad and whatever in the way of food that is sent to the farmers in the famine-stricken place must be hauled from Laredo, a two days' trip at best.

Mayor Hicks of this city has started a relief movement and has already sent a relief movement and has already sent used in buying food for the sufferers, but what he has sent is hardly a drop in the bucket. Relief work will be continued here. Nothing has been heard from the war department in answer to the request for rations sent by Congressman Kleberg, but it may be that he has heard from the request at Cuero, where he went yesterday.

Mr. Hay Provided For.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 26.—The Leader says: Private advices received by Cleveland railroad men yesterday from the East make the statement that Charles M. Hays, the retiring president of the Southern Pacific, is to be taken by J. P. Morgan & Co. as the railroad expert of that house. In this Mr. Hays follows the example of Samuel Spencer, who had the same position prior to accepting the presidency of the Southern railway. The advices state that Mr. Hays will be taken in by Mr. Morgan preparatory to making him president of some of the railroad combinations which Mr. Morgan has now effected.

Will Build Into Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., August 26.—The Choctaw Nation Railway company of Geary, O. T., has applied to the Kansas charter board for permission to build and operate a line of railway in this State. The company has a capital stock of \$4,000,000. It will build north from Geary, Balle county, and connect with the Santa Fe in Woodward or Woods counties and from there to some town along the southern line of Kansas. According to the charter of the company the Kansas terminus of the road will be either Klowa, Anthony or Caldwell.

Serum Doesn't Work Well.

Havana, August 26.—The third death from yellow fever resulting from the bite of a mosquito occurred at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The victim was Miss Clara Maas of New Jersey, whose death occurred on the seventh day after she was taken ill. Of the six persons bitten by mosquitoes recently in the course of the yellow fever commission's experiments, three have died and the doctors say the other three are suffering from light attacks of the disease. Miss Maas was a nurse at Las Animas and wished to become an immune.

Alleged Lynchers Jailed.

Nashville, Tenn., August 26.—Guarded by a posse of eight officers, six men, under arrest on a charge of being members of the mob that lynched Charles Davis at Smithville, Tenn., two weeks ago, were brought to Nashville Saturday night and lodged in jail. The prisoners are John Given, Aaron Hughes, John Given, Jr., Lon Given, Tom Given and Edgar Clark. All but the last named are relatives of Kate Hughes, the 15-year-old girl whom Davis is charged with having assaulted.

Texas Found Floating.

South Norwalk, Conn., August 26.—The decomposed body of a man found near Coppe Island by two young men who were cruising in a sailboat has been brought here. From paper found in the clothing the remains are evidently those of V. G. Colby of Dallas, Texas. A steamer ticket on the Joy steamship line was found and it is supposed he was lost off a steamer while going from New York to Boston. The body has been in the water about ten days.

Going Into Waco.

Waco, Texas, August 26.—The International and Great Northern railroad will be doing business in this city inside of a month. Saturday D. J. Price, general passenger agent; S. H. Turner, general freight agent; Homer Eads, assistant general freight agent, and J. W. Byars, who will be the commercial agent of the road here, were in the city. They made final arrangements to open the offices here at once, they having already been rented. The visiting officials also made other arrangements about terminal facilities. The track has been laid to a point several miles between Waco and Mart and the grading has been finished almost to the city. As soon as the track is laid to Waco the road will begin to run trains into the city, as all other arrangements have been made. The route out of Waco has not been determined upon, but a number of trial surveys have been made.

Fought in Jail.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 26.—A special to the Journal and Tribune from Greeneville, Tenn., tells of a murder which occurred in the Greene county jail. James Ross and Walter Pierce, negroes, were committed to jail late Saturday night on rival offenses. Both were put in the same cell. The jailer had scarcely left the cage when the men drew knives, which they had hidden about them, and engaged in a deadly fight. Quickly as possible Ross was dragged from the cell, but not until he had fatally stabbed Pierce, who sank back on his bunk. Dead. Ross as only slightly cut. It is alleged the latter had intimidated Saturday that he would kill Pierce, but the jail authorities did not know it. Only a hasty search was made of the men owing to the light charges against them.

Another Well In.

Beaumont, Texas, August 26.—Gusher No. 34 in the Beaumont oil field came in last evening about 5 o'clock. It is an eight-inch well owned by the Merchants and Mechanics' Oil company of Beaumont. This is one of the largest wells in the field and complete in every respect from a mechanical point of view. Head Driller G. B. Speed anchored the eight-inch casing on the cap rock yesterday morning, and about 10 o'clock drilling was begun. The well broke loose about 4:30 and in a few minutes discharged a mixture of gas, oil and rock. Soon the passage cleared and a solid stream of oil struck the crown block on the derrick and the gate valve closed. Altogether the well was open over ten minutes, and covered the floor of the derrick near an inch under rock. T. C. Stribbling was contractor on the well.

Formal Transfer Made.

Austin, Texas, August 26.—The deed transferring the entire property of the Austin and Northwestern railroad to the Houston and Texas Central Railroad company was filed for record late Saturday evening in the county clerk's office. The instrument conveys the franchise and all its appurtenances. There is no cash consideration named, but the Central assumes all the indebtedness and liabilities other than the bonded indebtedness of the road. This transfer is in accordance with an act of the regular session of the Twenty-seventh legislature authorizing the absorbing of the Austin and Northwestern. All agents and employees of the Austin and Northwestern have been formally notified of the change.

One Killed, Several Hurt.

Columbia, S. C., August 26.—The Florida and Metropolitan limited train of the Seaboard Air Line was wrecked last night seven miles south of Chehaw, due to a portion of the embankment being washed out. The killed and wounded are: Fireman Rosmund, crushed to death; Engineer Muse, shoulder and leg injured; Tom Cleary, another engineer, knees and legs injured; postal clerk, name unknown, slightly bruised. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. The engine and four front cars left the track and were turned completely over. The tender was thrown fifty yards away. The track was torn up for 150 yards and every car was off the track.

Sales of Town Lots.

Washington, August 26.—A dispatch received at the general land office reports that the total receipts from the sale of lots in the new towns of Oklahoma to and including August 24, aggregated \$659,427. The sales were distributed as follows: Lawton, 1968 lots, \$351,806; Ardmore, 1934 lots, \$179,245; Hobart, 1123 lots, \$128,377. Assistant Commissioner Richards, who has had general charge of the sales, estimates that the disposition of the remaining lots will bring the grand total up to \$700,000.

ENDED SUDDENLY.

IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTIONS RAN AGAINST A SNAG.

Advocates of the Resolutions Surprised at the Turn of Affairs—In Effect No Action Was Taken Against State Treasurer—How It Was Done.

Austin, Texas, August 24.—Although it has been a foregone conclusion that the resolution looking to the impeachment of State Treasurer John M. Robbins would fail, the manner in which it failed was a positive surprise to nearly everybody around the capital. The authors of the resolution have realized that it would be defeated, but they never expected what happened. The proceedings came to an end rather suddenly and with the house refusing to take any action whatever. The majority of the house voted to substitute the Hawkins resolution for the original. The said majority turned around and voted down the resolution as submitted. The Hawkins substitute was introduced yesterday. It deprecated and condemned the violation of law, but expressed confidence in Mr. Robbins and declared he should not be impeached. That substitute was debated all day yesterday. Today, Mr. Seabury announced during the course of his remarks that the Hawkins substitute would be withdrawn and in lieu of it another substitute would be offered, the effect of which was to condemn the practice which had been observed by the treasurer as unsafe, without declaring it illegal. Mr. Henderson of Lamar objected to this substitution, whereupon Mr. Seabury had the new substitute read as a part of his remarks. The inference was that an attempt would be made to get it in as the substitute later, but no such attempt was made. In the afternoon came the governor's message showing that there were plans on foot to reorganize the suspended bank. Finally, late in the evening the oratory was checked and the voting commenced. The Hawkins substitute was put up. It was submitted for the original resolution by a vote of 58 to 41. Then the men who had introduced the impeachment resolution got together in knots. They passed the word around to vote for the substitute resolution. Let us help them pass it now, said they, and when the roll was started they voted aye as their names were reached. But, great Scott! What happened? Why, the men who had urged the substitute were now voting against what they had substituted, all save Mr. Hawkins, the author of the substitute. When the authors of the impeachment resolution awoke to the status of affairs, many of them changed their vote and went against adoption of the substituted resolution. Even Mr. Hawkins changed and voted against his own resolution, saying he did so for the sake of an honest man. When the figures were cast up it appeared that only thirteen members had supported the substituted resolution. The substitute had chased the original resolution off the track and then died, and the incident is closed without any affirmative act of the house and without official criticism of Mr. Robbins. In the closing scenes as member after member changed his vote, it was a reminder of the scenes witnessed in political conventions. The house had no time for other business today. In fact it had devoted two and a half days to the impeachment resolution, while other matters are pushed aside.

Appeal for Aid.

San Antonio, Texas, August 24.—Reports of a terrible condition of the people of Zapata county have reached this city from public officials there, and an appeal is made for aid to save people from starvation, as a consequence of a drought of fifteen months. No crops have been planted since the spring of 1900, and they failed. Cattle and other stock are dying. In every direction the face of the country is covered with carcasses of the dead animals. The cattle losses are reported not less than 23 per cent. The drought is still prevailing, which prevents fall planting, and people will have to leave that section unless assisted. Women and children, whose husbands and families are off hunting work, are begging food from those who are fortunate enough to have it. The county officials have sent out an appeal for help setting forth all the above.

At the colored Baptist pool at Mincola forty-six negroes of the St. Paul Baptist church, colored, were baptized and became members.

Harahan Succeeds Hays.

Chicago, August 24.—James T. Harahan, second vice president of the Illinois Central railroad and noted as one of the most successful railroad men in this country, has been offered the presidency of the Southern Pacific railroad, vacated by Charles M. Hays, and it is almost certain that he will accept. The offer was made by cable. Mr. Harahan being at present in Europe. He has notified Mr. Harriman that he will return at once to Chicago and this is taken as proof that he will accept Mr. Harriman's offer.

Mr. Harriman is in control of the Southern Pacific, besides being chairman of the executive boards of the Illinois Central and Union Pacific railroads. His offer to Harahan so soon after the resignation of Mr. Hays is taken as an indication that the matter of the appointment of Harahan was settled long ago. The salary attached to the position is \$50,000 a year, just twice the salary paid to Harahan as second vice president of the Illinois Central. J. F. Wallace, assistant general manager of the system, is slated to succeed Mr. Harahan. D. W. Ross, assistant to the second vice president, will go with Mr. Harahan to the Southern Pacific in the same capacity.

The Strike Situation.

Pittsburg, August 24.—The labor conference is on at Hotel Henry. It is understood that the object of the meeting is to devise ways and means to aid the steel strikers.

Pittsburg, August 24.—The steel strike situation is without material change. All the combine plants started recently with non-union workmen are in operation with about the same number of men as yesterday and quiet prevailed at all points. The steel officials appear satisfied with the progress made, and evidently are preparing more surprises for the strikers in the way of starting other plants with imported men. A rumor is current that there has been a conference arranged for this afternoon between Shaffer and the heads of the various labor orders with the view of arranging for a settlement of the strike.

Threatened Contest Off.

San Francisco, Cal., August 24.—The threatened contest of the will of the late magnate, Collis P. Huntington, has been abandoned by the financier's adopted daughter, the Princess Clara von Hatzfeldt, a compromise having been effected by which the latter is to receive \$6,000,000 for relinquishing all claims against the estate. Of this amount \$4,000,000 is to be paid by Mrs. C. P. Huntington, relict of the late Southern Pacific president, and H. E. Huntington is to pay the balance of \$2,000,000. These facts were all confided to intimate friends by the Princess, and gradually knowledge of the compromise that has prevented a suit which would have been the talk of two continents has reached other ears.

To Welcome Prince Chuan.

New York, August 24.—Chinese merchants in this city and the Chinese consul, Chow Tsz Chi, have already commenced elaborate preparations for the reception of Prince Chuan of China a brother of Emperor Kwan Su, who is expected to arrive in this country, about a month hence. He will first visit Berlin, where he will convey to the emperor of Germany an official expression of China's grief at the murder of the German minister, Baron von Kettler at the hands of the boxers in the streets of Peking last summer.

Five Killed in a Fight.

Williamsburg, Ky., Aug. 24.—News has just reached here of a bloody battle in the eastern part of the county, twenty miles from here, in which Blake Logan and his sons and two Williams brothers were killed by West Mays and George Golden. The trouble originated over Mays' wife. A posse has left for the scene to make arrests and to bury the bodies, as the neighbors were afraid to go to them.

France's Ultimatum.

Constantinople, August 24.—The French ambassador, M. Constans, today sent a letter to the sultan personally informing him that he would leave Constantinople with the entire staff of the embassy if the matters in dispute were not settled immediately. The letter has the nature of an ultimatum. It accords the sultan the briefest delay within which to comply with the demands.

A number of fine business houses are reported in course of construction in the town of Forney. The Knights of Pythias also are erecting a fine building.